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Notwithstanding Article 3A of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes, G.S. 143-49(4), or any other law pertaining to surplus State property, the Department of Cultural Resources, with the approval of the North Carolina Historical Commission, may sell, trade, or place on permanent loan any artifact from the collection of the North Carolina Maritime Museum unless the sale, trade, or loan would be contrary to the terms of the acquisition. Sales or exchanges shall be conducted in accordance with generally accepted practices for accredited museums. If an artifact is sold, the net proceeds of the sale shall be deposited in the State treasury to the credit of a special fund to be used for the improvement of the Museum's collections or exhibits."

Requested by: Senators Warren, Lucas, Dannelly, Hoyle, Plyler, Perdue, Odom, Representatives Ives, Sherrill

## ROANOKE ISLAND COMMISSION CHANGES

**Section 21.1.** (a) G.S. 143B-131.2(b)(10) reads as rewritten:

"(10) To establish and maintain a separate fund composed of moneys which may come into its hands from gifts, donations, grants, or bequests, which funds will be used by the Commission for purposes of carrying out its duties and purposes herein set forth. The Commission may also establish a reserve fund to be maintained and used for contingencies and emergencies. Funds appropriated to the Commission may be transferred to the Friends of Elizabeth II, Inc., a private, nonprofit corporation. The Friends of Elizabeth II, Inc., shall use the funds transferred to it to carry out the purposes of this Part."

(b) G.S. 143B-131.2(b)(15) reads as rewritten:

"(15) To procure supplies, services, and property as appropriate and to enter into contracts, leases, or other legal agreements consistent with State laws and Department rules to carry out the purposes of this Part and duties of the Commission. The provisions of G.S. 143-129 and Article 3 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes do not apply to purchases by the Roanoke Island Commission of equipment, supplies, and services."

Requested by: Senators Warren, Plyler, Perdue, Odom, Representatives Bowie, Holmes, Esposito, Creech, Crawford

UNITED ARTS COUNCIL FUNDS

Section 21.2. Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Cultural Resources, the sum of sixty-eight thousand two hundred dollars (\$68,200) may be allocated to the United Arts Council of Greensboro, Inc. The funds allocated pursuant to this section shall only be used for construction and renovation of facilities and for production costs associated with performing arts programs.

Requested by: Senators Plyler, Perdue, Odom, Representatives Holmes, Esposito, Creech, Crawford

GRANTS FOR SMALL LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIES IN ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED COUNTIES